19 MRES/MPHIL/PHD APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT

- 19.1 **Received** Research Degrees Admissions Report at RDC 2-02 (17-18).
- 19.2 The Chair indicated that the figures are broadly stable overall, and Faculties are reporting that they are not expecting a significant rise in numbers.
- 19.3 Members noted continuing year-on-year downtrend of both UK and EU applications, but increase in overseas students.
- 19.4 Concerns have been raised about support for overseas students, as there are Tier 4 implications, and engagement monitoring that needs to happen. Currently, the Code of Practice mandates that supervisory meetings should take place at least every two months, this will be changed to once per month (this is a requirement of the UKVI per the recent audit). However, Study Leave does make it more difficult to supervise and monitor attendance. Student Records should be informed about any adjustments due to Study Leave arrangements,

Research Degrees Committee